

BURIAL OF SHELBY'S FLAG.

A JULY sun, in torrid clime, gleamed on an exiled band,
Who, in suits of gray,
Stood in mute array
On the banks of the Rio Grande.
They were dusty and faint with their long, drear ride,
And they paused when they came to the river side.
For its wavelets divide,
With their flowing tide
Their own dear land, of youth, hope, pride,
And comrades' graves who in vain had died,
From the stranger's home in a land untried.

Above them waved the Confederate flag, with its fatal cross of stars,
They had always been
In the battle's din,
Like a pennon of potent Mars,
And there curved from the crest of their leader a plume,
That the brave had followed in joy and gloom,
That was ever in sight
In the hottest fight
A flaunting dare for a soldier's tomb,
For the marksman's aim and the cannon's bomb,
But it bore a charm from the hand of doom.

Forth stepped that leader then and said to the faithful few around:
"This tattered rag
Is the only flag
That floats on Dixie ground,
And this plume that I tear from the hat I wear
Of all my spoils is my only share;
And brave men! I swear
That no foe shall dare
To lay his hand on our standard there.
Its folds were braded by fingers fair;
'Tis the emblem now of their deep despair.

"Its cause is lost. And the men it led on many a glorious field
In disputing the tread
Of invaders dread,
Have been forced at last to yield,
But this banner and plume have not been to blame,
No exulting eye shall behold their shame;
And these relics so dear
In the waters here
Before we cross shall burial claim;
And while yon mountains may bear a name,
They stand as monument to our fame."

Tears stood in eyes that had looked on death in every awful form
Without dismay.
But the scene that day
Was sublimer than mountain storm!
'Tis easy to touch the veteran's heart
With the finger of nature, but not of art,
While the noble of soul
Lose self-control,
When called on with flag, home and country to part,
Base bosoms are ever too callous to start,
With feelings that generous natures can smart.

They buried then that flag and plume in the river's rushing tide,
Ere that gallant few
Of the tried and true
Had been scattered far and wide.
And that group of Missouri's valiant throng,
Who had fought for the weak against the strong—
Who had charged and bled
Where Shelby led,
Were the last who held above the wave
The glorious flag of the vanquished brave,
No more to rise from its watery grave.

—A. J. SLAYBACK.

MISSOURI NEWSPAPERDOM.

What Knights of the Quill are Saying Throughout the State.

The Warrensburg Standard-Herald says the Elks of that town may give a street fair this fall.

The Booneville Advertiser has just completed its fifty-fifth year and its editors claim that it improves with age.

The Bunceyon Eagle presented the pictures of seven pretty girls on its front page last week—a very beautiful feature, indeed.

Editor Dodge of the Sweet Springs News thus grows facetious: "Come merchants, call a meeting and have a street fair. It is a good and cheap way of advertising our town, and everyone would enjoy it. Just think of bands playing, babies crying, mamma's laughing and papas lying. Wouldn't it jar you: or is this far?"

Editor Bryson reads a lesson to parents in the Louisiana Press as follows: "When girls walk out evenings with the sole hope of picking up a young man and walking further, it is time to have a curfew law that will include the children over 16 in its jurisdiction. The restlessness that comes upon girls on summer evenings results in a lasting trouble, unless speedily controlled. The right kind of a man does not look for a wife on the

streets, and the right kind of a girl waits till the man comes to her home for her. The mothers should quit gossiping over the back fence and chase after girls when they get 'the boy look' in their eyes."

Mexico Intelligencer: "A rumor has reached the Intelligencer to the effect that a farmer of this county offered to trade a three-months-old baby to another farmer for a calf. 'He explained,' says our informant, 'that his wife was unable to make a hand in the field with a baby to look after and this is why he would be willing to make such a sacrifice.' It takes all kinds of people to make a world."

Slater Rustler: Rule No. 75, which among other things, forbids the use of intoxicating liquor and visiting saloons, is again to be enforced on the C. & A. Notices to this effect have been posted up in conspicuous places in the shops and offices of officials of the company. Since the change in the management this rule has not been rigidly enforced, and some of the employees have abused the leniency shown them to such an extent as to make it necessary for the company to enforce the rule.

Jackson County Judge: There are nearly 100 veterans of the Mexican war in Missouri and these with their families have been invited to attend the reunion and twenty-third annual picnic in Independence September 12 and 13.

The evening of the first day Mayor Reed of Kansas City will deliver an address. Everybody will be welcome and a large crowd is expected. J. G. Paxton has been made chairman of the committee on entertainment, J. D. Strother chairman of the committee on arrangement and A. J. Bundschau chairman of the committee on decorations and program.

Warrensburg Journal-Democrat: "Johnson county farmers should reap a wholesome lesson from this year's experience. Shortage of the corn crop forced everyone of them to improve the latter part of the season by raising a crop of roughness with which to winter stock. The point the Journal-Democrat wishes to make is this: Why will not such a scheme work in good years as well as in dry ones? Had there been a good corn crop farmers would have fed it to their stock this winter. Why not raise a crop of roughness every year and sell the corn which has been heretofore used to winter the stock?"

Jackson (Independence) Examiner: "The burden which casts man into the slough of despond may seem too heavy to be borne and the struggle not worth the poor results, but in bravely meeting every demand we find others with still greater burdens and begin to realize that ours are mere bagatelle. If we can imitate the smile and the cheerful courage of those more favored mortals of sunshine, the load lightens and when we help others with their greater troubles our own seem to have almost disappeared. Time is relentless and moves in seconds, minutes, hours and days into the limitless years. The past soon takes the present hardships and we treasure the pleasure of the past for strength in the future."

Here is the way the Nevada Democrat puts it: "It is only the lazy, cowardly, lumber-back pretender democrat who says the democratic party is gone and will never succeed in electing another national ticket. Such a fellow is not fit for buzzard bait. There is no use talking, while there is life there is hope. The man with the courage to face his misfortunes and give them battle is the man that will win in the end. Every cloud has a silver lining and every misfortune has its comfort. The man that sticks to it keeps his troubles to himself, and fights his way manfully is the man that will win in the end; and under the conditions that are fast arising, the old law of the survival of the fittest is going to come into play with a vengeance within the next few years. It behooves a man who is democratic to cultivate courage and a determination to stay with his party and its platform and the day will come when victory will crown his efforts."

Mexico Ledger: Hon E. W. Stephens, publisher of the Columbia (Mo.) Herald, agrees with the Mexico Ledger in advising the people to "stay in Missouri." Col. Stephens closed an interesting letter from Colorado to his paper by advising his readers to "stay in Missouri" and says: "However, while Colorado is recommended for sunshine and scenery, for air and health, it is not to be compared with Missouri as a home or field of effort for those in normal condition and who would achieve success in the ordinary pursuits of life. Colorado is a resort rather than an abiding place. It is a good country for those who are rich or independent, or who desire to engage in mining, or a few special occupations. But it has not the variety of resources, the multiplicity of opportunities offered by Missouri. Nor has any other state. It has grown into a proverb that Missouri is the state around which a wall might be built and those who live within it could produce everything needed for life and comfort. We have soil and mineral and water and stone in exhaustless quantities and our resources have scarcely been touched. We have millions of untenanted domain, can produce every fruit and cereal, do not need irrigation, are in the heart of the continent, have the noblest rivers on the planet, have a cosmopolitan people, just upon the threshold of our prosperity. Our opportunities are limitless. A man who cannot succeed in Missouri cannot succeed anywhere else. It is the land of plenty and the land of promise. Stay here. Go to Colorado for your health. Stay in Missouri for your living."

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